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WASHINGTON, November 6, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 1 totaled an estimated 18.6 billion ton-miles, 3.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 776 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 1 totaled 457,100 cars, 6.1 percent below 1979, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.1 percent in the East, 4.9 percent in the South, and 6.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, grain loadings were up 1,430 cars, or 4.5 percent; and coal traffic increased by 1,626 cars, or 1.4 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 25 totaled 33,731 cars, down 11.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 60,589 trailers and/or containers, 11.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 1,381,743 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,509,942 trailers and/or containers, down 8.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/01/80:

	Loadings in Week ended November 1, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,155	I	1,430	4.5	I	81	0.2
Other farm products	5,497	D	489	8.2	D	1	0.0
Metallic ores	26,569	D	5,765	17.8	I	15	0.1
Coal	117,378	I	1,626	1.4	D	2,201	1.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,692	D	2,884	16.4	D	351	2.3
Nonmetallic minerals	16,145	I	523	3.3	I	1,113	7.4
Grain mill products	17,833	D	740	4.0	I	173	1.0
Food and kindred products	18,666	D	557	2.9	I	64	0.3
Primary forest products	18,817	D	2,106	10.1	D	714	3.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,740	D	1,561	13.8	I	274	2.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,486	D	1,749	7.9	I	384	1.9
Chemicals and allied products	27,740	D	735	2.6	D	306	1.1
Petroleum products	5,427	D	489	8.3	I	111	2.1
Stone, clay and glass products	15,494	D	3,618	18.9	D	332	2.1
Coke	5,277	D	367	6.5	D	147	2.7
Metals and products	15,738	D	3,938	20.0	D	56	0.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,270	D	1,937	8.7	I	837	4.3
Waste and scrap materials	12,474	D	1,358	9.8	D	579	4.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,685	D	1,589	12.0	I	246	2.2
All other carloads	43,766	D	3,305	7.0	I	680	1.6
LCL traffic	251	D	134	34.8	D	5	2.0
Total Cars Loaded	457,100	D	29,742	6.1	D	714	0.2
Corresponding week of 1979	486,842						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	19,218,422	20,353,152	D	5.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
43 weeks cumulative	757.6	754.0	I	0.5
Week ended November 1	18.6	19.2	D	3.1
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